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Inquire, Whether is your Minister of a civil life,
and godly conversation, ordained Deacon or Priest,
according to the Canons, by a Bishop? Doth
he perform his duty in reading of Common Prayers e-
very Sabbath and Holy-day, according to the Common-
prayer book? Doth he constantly preach? or preach any
thing in derogation of that book? or any Doctrine not
warranted by Gods word and the Lawes of the Land,
and Administer the Sacraments according to the Com-
mon-prayer book? Doth he administer the Sacrament
of the Lords Supper at least thrice in a year, or to a-
ny that are Excommunicated, or to any but such as kneel?
Doth he keep Conventicles or meetings not allowed by the
Canons, or countenanceth those that do so? Doth he
Chrysten, Marry, or bury according to the manner prescri-
bed in the book of Common-prayer, or refuse so to do, or
accept of Parents as God-fathers, or God-mothers to an-
swer for their Children, or Chrysten without God-fathers
or God-mothers, or admit any to that Office that have not
received the holy Communion?

2. Item, Doth he marry any before the banns be asked
three severall Sundayes or Holy-dayes, or without a Licence
granted from the Ordinary of the Diocess? or those that
were within the degrees of Consanguinity or Affinity pro-

hibited by the Lawes, or those that are under the age of one and twenty years, without consent of Parents or Guardians, or at hours and times, or in places prohibited by the Canons? And how many have been christned, married or buried within this twelve moneths? Present the names of such so christned and buried, and their Parents names, the time when and the place where, and the names of such that were buried, and the time when, to which, and to the rest of the Articles, you shall present to the best of your knowledge.

3. Item, You shall make diligent inquiry who of the inhabitants of your Parish, do voluntarily absent themselves from the Parish Church, and you shall present all those, who any time have professed the Religion established by Law, and have fallen from the same, and those who separating themselves from the publick worship of God at the Church, chappel or places set apart for Gods service, frequent private conventicles.

4. Item, Is there a Register kept of christnings, Marriages and burials, in a book made and kept for that purpose?

5. Item, Doth any preach or perform a Lecture in your Parish without Licence granted them, and doth read the Common-prayers according to the constitutions of the Church, or preach any Doctrine but what is warranted by the Word of God and constitutions of the Church? If so, present their names and crimes respectively.

6. Item, have you any Hereticks or Schismatics in your Parish, that preach or declare any thing contrary to the Grounds of Faith and Rules of the Church, or hindereth the execution of the constitutions thereof, or any way disturb the peace of the Church, or defend Usurped power by the Laws of the Realm Justly rejected, or maintain any erroneous Doctrine? If so, present their names and crimes respectively.

7. Item, Is there any in your Parish that are christned or not christned, according to the direction of the Common-prayer book, or by any that is not a lawfull minister? present

sent their names, with the names of their parents, and the minister that christned them.

8. Item, Do you know any that detains the Revenues of the Church, or refuse to pay to the reparation thereof, or detains the Goods of Orphans, or of any deceased person, without the Ordinaries Authority, or Letters of Administration procured? If so, present their names and crimes respectively.

9. Item, Is there any in your parish that is guilty, or vehemently suspected to be guilty of Adultery, Whoredom, Incest, Drunkenness, common Scoulding, depraving their Neighbours, prophane Swearing, Debauchery, Usury, Uncleanness, or wickedness of life, or Witchcraft, Sorcery, Charms, Incantations, or unlawful Invocations, or take upon them to tell Destinies, or by unlawful means guide men to things lost, or that resort to such for help and counsel, or retain any such in their Houses, knowing them to be such? If so, present their names and crimes respectively

10. Item, Hach there been any Bastards, or Base-begotten Children born or nursed within your Parish within this twelve moneths, which have not been presented? Present the parents names, and in whose houses they were so born or nursed.

11. Item, Is there any that live together as man and Wife, and yet are vehemently suspected not to be married, or to have another Husband or Wife, or to have been formerly contracted to any other? If so, present their Names.

12. Item, Is there any midwives in your Parish that practise, or School-masters that teach Children publicly or privately, or any that practise Physick or Chyrurgery, being not Lawfully licenced? Present their names and crimes.

13. Item, Do your Parishioners duly resort to their Parish Church to Divine Service and hearing the Word, and receive the Communion at least thrice a year, or in contempt of their Parish Church or minister resort to any other Church

Church or Chappel, or keep any Holy dayes other then such that by order of the Church of England and Ireland are appointed? If so, present their names and crimes respectively.

14. Item, Doth any prophane the Lords day, or other appointed Holy dayes, by using their continual labour; or keeping open shop, or buy or sell any commodities; or sell Wine, Ale, or Beer in time of Divine service or Sermon, or use any unlawful exercise, or use Carriages by Cars or Carts or otherwise by walking or talking in any part of the Church, in the time of Service or Sermon, to the disturbance of Gods worship or neglecting themselves the worship? If so, present their Names and Crimes respectively.

15. Item, Is there any in your Parish that have been excommunicated? How long have they been so? or do they intrude into Divine service, Sacraments, or publick Assembly, or any that keep company with them, or set them on work being denounced? or is there any such obdurate excommunicated persons that have been buried before he was absolved, and was buried in the Church or Church-yard? Present their names, the time when they were buried, and by whom.

16. Item, Have any contemned or abused by word or deed the minister of the Church?

17. Item, Have you an honest and able Parish Clark, and who he is, and doth he duly perform his duty, and is he conformable to the Orders of the Church?

18. Item, Doth the Church-wardens, with the advice of the minister, provide against every Communion a sufficient quantity of fine Bread and wholesome Wine for the number of the Communicants that shall from time to time receive? and do they perform all other their Duties, as well in the Church as without, required of them by the Canons and constitutions Ecclesiastical? and do the Inquirers assist them according as they are bound.

19. Item, Is your Church in good repair? are the windows glazed, with all things necessary for Divine service, preach-

preaching and administering the Sacraments, as viz. two Common-prayer books for minister and clerk, a large Bible, a Seat for to officiate, a decent Pulpit, a Font, a Communion Table, with a Carpet and Linnen Cloath, a Flagon and Chalice of Silver, with a Cover, or of purer metal, and Seats for the people, a Box for the Poor, and a Chest to keep the Books and Ornaments in, and all other Ornaments and Necessaries?

20. Item, Is there any Popish Priest or Jesuit in your Parish? What be their Names, and in whose Houses do they usually keep?

To all these Articles, as far as your knowledge reacheth, you are to answer positively and conscientiously, and to present to them all, and what other Enormities you finde of your own knowledge, or whereof labourst a publick rumour or fame, to have been committed within your Parish contrary to the Lawes Ecclesiastical, that they may be reformed.

The form of the Oath to be taken by the Church-wardens and Questmen in every Parish before their Presentments.

YOU and every of you swear, That you will duely and diligently enquire, and true presentment make of all these

these Articles given you in charge, of all such crimes, faults and defaults as have been committed in your parish, and of all such persons as are or have been vehemently suspected or defamed to have committed any such crimes, faults or defaults. You shall neither present any for hatred, malice, nor any other sinister respects, nor spare any for fear, favour, affection or reward, but discharge your Consciences as men fearing God, for the reformation of sin and wickedness, and the advancement of godliness and virtue. So help you God in Jesus Christ, and the Contents of this Book.

Which Presentments you are to exhibit and return into the Office of the Court at or before the day of

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